



7 QUESTIONS

———— TO FIND OUT IF A ————
E-SIGNATURE IS LEGALLY BINDING



APPROVEME.ME

7 QUESTIONS

TO FIND OUT IF A

E-SIGNATURE IS LEGALLY BINDING

Digital signatures are a quick and easy way to execute signatures on contracts, invoices and agreements. But it's crucial to recognize that not all digital and electronic signatures comply with federal and international signing regulations. Here are seven steps to find out whether an electronic or digital signature is legally binding and will hold up in court.

1 DO I KNOW WHO SIGNED THIS?

WP E-Signature by ApproveMe provides multiple immediate and online authentication add-ons that can be customized to fit the exposure of an agreement. WP E-Signature documents can be verified by themselves, but they also include a detailed audit trail with proof of signer identity.

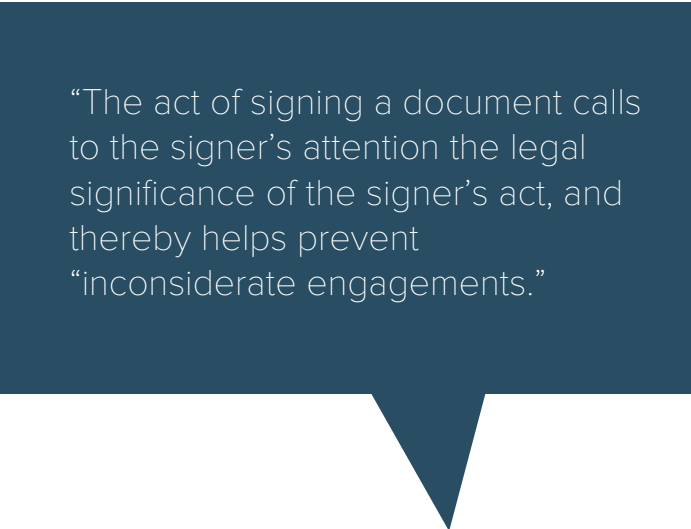
“A signature should identify what is signed, making it impracticable to falsify or alter either the signed matter or the signature without detection.”

— Digital Signature Guidelines of American Bar Association

On June 30, 2000, President Clinton signed into law the Electronic Records and Signatures in Commerce Act (or Electronic Signatures Act). The president signed the act both electronically and using the more traditional pen-and-ink. The Electronic Signatures Act (Public Law No: 106-229) went into effect on October 1, 2000 and gives electronic contracts the same weight as those executed on paper.

2 DO I KNOW THE SIGNER INTENDED TO SIGN MY DOCUMENT?

WP E-Signature's signing ceremony is can be customized with various second layer security options, but in its basic form it includes the standard legal language, "I am [SIGNER'S NAME], and I agree to be legally bound by this digital signature." WP E-Signature requires a two-step authentication for every signature. First, the signer acknowledges their acceptance of the legality of the transaction, and then they click on "I Agree & Sign."



"The act of signing a document calls to the signer's attention the legal significance of the signer's act, and thereby helps prevent "inconsiderate engagements."

— Digital Signature Guidelines of American Bar Association

3 IS THERE THE NECESSARY DISCLOSURE & CONSENT?

It is crucial that whatever document signing application you choose to use be implemented in such a way that it is compliant with all legal requirements for obtaining signer consent for electronic delivery of documents including the review and approval of the necessary disclosures.

WP E-Signature by ApproveMe offers scalability in retrieving and displaying documents and disclosure language. Our workflow also requires specific steps like a review and approval of the documents to be completed before allowing a digital signature to be applied.

www.approveme.me

4 HAS THE DOCUMENT BEEN TAMPERED WITH IN ANY WAY?

WP E-Signature has a proprietary authentication process which tracks the original encrypted document contents (using your website). If so much as a “period” is changed to a “comma” WP E-Signature will immediately throw a “Document Not Found” error message and will alert all the signing parties that their document has been tampered with. The document will not be accessible until the original document data (in it’s encrypted form) is restored 100%.

“Digital Signature Verification is the process of checking the digital signature by reference to the original message and a given public key, thereby determining whether the digital signature was created for that same message using the private key that corresponds to the referenced public key.”

— Digital Signature Guidelines of American Bar Association

5 IS THE DOCUMENT ELECTRONICALLY AVAILABLE TO ALL SIGNERS?

Some document regulations and industries require documents to be accessible to all signers (and verifiable) for multiple years.

WP E-Signature transforms a WordPress website into a legally binding document signing application. Once a document has been signed a copy of the signed document and a detailed audit trail is available to the signers using your website. There’s no need to check back with WP E-Signature to verify a signature. So long as WP E-Signature is installed on your website it’s there.

6

CAN I PROVE THEY SIGNED IT?

A detailed audit trail from an electronic signature transaction, including details like the time and date of each signing activity, can give analytics that even plain paper transactions can't provide.

WP E-Signature generates a detailed audit report with irrefutable analytics for each signed transaction:

- The signer's identity
- The signers ip address
- The unique document ID#
- The unique audit trail ID#
- The validity of the signing process
- The authenticity of the document
- The accurate UTC time at signing

Digital signature technology generally surpasses paper technology in all these attributes. To understand why, one must first understand how digital signature technology works.

— Digital Signature Guidelines of American Bar Association

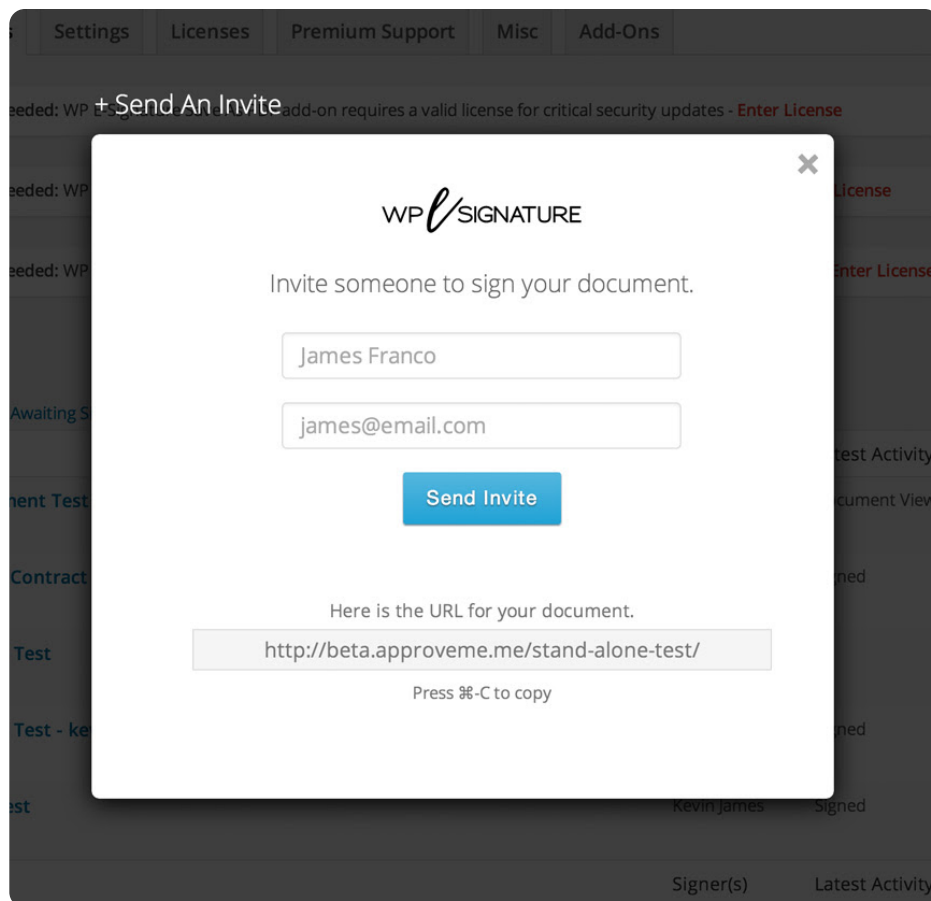
7

WP E-SIGNATURE VS. FORM GENERATION PLUGINS

Form generation WordPress plugins are fantastic (gravity forms, formberry, ninja forms, etc)! You can create some really sweet automation integrations for a WordPress website; However, signing a legally binding document is NOT their main focus (it is WP E-Signature's SOLE focus). We have spent years developing a platform that adheres to the strict UETA and E-SIGN national and international document signing guidelines. Do the smart thing and don't get caught in a courtroom with a document that isn't legally binding.

ARE YOUR SIGNATURES LEGALLY BINDING?

Transform WordPress into a Legally Binding
Document Signing Application



View Pricing & Buy It Now 

approve 
www.approveme.me